

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-17. (Cancelled)

18. (currently amended) A laminate, comprising:

metal layers (1-3, 9);

plastic bonding layers (4-6) situated between the metal layers (1-3, 9), two external metal layers (1, 3) extending substantially continuously; and

at least one internal metal layer (2, 9),

wherein at least one of the internal metal layers (9) has at least one opening (10) and in that at a position of the opening (10) the other metal layers (1-3) and the plastic bonding layers (4-6) are bonded together to form a packet of lower thickness, and at least one of the openings (10) is peripherally closed.

19. (canceled)

20. (previously presented) The laminate according to claim 18, in which a total surface area of the openings (10) is of

a same order of magnitude as a surface area of a remainder (13) of the metal layer (9) provided with openings.

21. (previously presented) The laminate according to claim 18, in which a total surface area of the openings (10) is greater than a surface area of a remainder (13) of the metal layer (9) provided with openings.

22. (previously presented) The laminate according to claim 18, in which the metal layer (9) provided with openings (10) is situated between the plastic bonding layers.

23. (previously presented) The laminate according to claim 18, in which the metal layer (9) provided with the openings (10) is bonded on either side to the plastic bonding layers (5, 6), which plastic bonding layers (5, 6) continue without interruption at the position of the opening (10) and are bonded together at that point.

24. (previously presented) The laminate according to claim 18, in which at least one of the plastic bonding layers (5, 6) comprises a fibre reinforcement.

25. (previously presented) The laminate according to claim 24, in which the metal layer (9) provided with the openings

(10) is situated between the plastic bonding layers, and bonded on one side to a fibre-reinforced plastic bonding layer and on the other side is bonded to a bonding layer (14) without fibre reinforcement to a further metal layer (2).

26. (previously presented) The laminate according to claim 25, in which at the position of the opening (10) the fibre-reinforced plastic bonding layer (6) which is bonded to the metal layer (9) provided with an opening is bonded to the further metal layer (2).

27. (previously presented) The laminate according to claim 18, in which several internal metal layers are provided, at least two of which have at least one opening, and in which the openings of different metal layers at least partially cover each other.

28. (previously presented) The laminate according to claim 27, in which the openings are aligned relative to each other and together form a stepped narrowing.

29. (previously presented) The laminate according to claim 18, in which the metal layer (9) provided with an opening forms a framework (13).

30. (previously presented) The laminate according to claim 18, in which at least one of the metal layers with at least one opening comprises metal layer parts connecting to each other.

31. (previously presented) The laminate according to claim 18, in which the thickness of a metal layer is less than 1.5 mm.

32. (previously presented) The laminate according to claim 18, in which the thickness of a metal layer lies between 0.1 and 0.8 mm.

33. (previously presented) The laminate according to claim 18 in which at least one said plastic bonding layer comprises fibres of carbon, aramid or glass.

34. (previously presented) The laminate according to claim 18, in which the metal layers comprise Al, Cu, Mg, Ti, Sc and/or alloys of those metals.